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EPFO TIES UP WITH BANKS
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Employees Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) has tied up with some Banks for disbursement of pension to its members across the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the terms and conditions with which tie-up has been signed with those banks;

(d) whether the post office is also involved in the network of disbursement of pension; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI VIJAY GOEL)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Employees` Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) has entered into agreements with certain Nationalised Banks and the Andaman and Nicobar State Co-operative Bank. Ltd. on regional basis for disbursement of pension. EPFO has also tied up with HDFC Bank Ltd., ICICI Bank Ltd. and UTI Bank Ltd. on all India basis for disbursement of pension.

(c): As per the agreement, the entire amount due to be disbursed is paid to the Banks in advance between 20th to 25th of the preceding month and the Banks have to credit the pension amounts in the pensioner`s accounts before 5th of the month. Service charges are payable to the Nationalised Banks, the Andaman and Nicobar State Co-operative Bank and Post Offices @ 2.5% on total amount disbursed including Pension, Arrears, Commutation and Return of Capital. As regards HDFC Bank Ltd., ICICI Bank Ltd And UTI Bank Ltd.- service charges @ 1.25% are payable on total amount of monthly pension disbursement and 0.25% on lump sum payments i.e. Arrears, Commutation and Return of Capital.

(d): Yes, Sir.

(e): As given in (c) above.